

REMARKS

Species Election

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires the election of one species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 from each of the following:

- (i) Claims 1 discloses two different polypeptide sequences;
- (ii) Claims 23-37 disclose eight different antibody compositions (it is noted that claim 24 describes three of these compositions and claim 25 describes two of these compositions);
- (iii) Claims 31-35 describe ten different molecules against which the binding compound is raised;
- (iv) Claims 30 and 38 disclose eight different detectable labels; and
- (v) Claim 39 discloses five assays of detection.

In response, Applicants elect a single disclosed species, for each set of species described above, as follows:

- (i) SEQ ID NO:2, readable upon claims 21-40.
- (ii) Monoclonal antibody, readable upon claims 21-25 and 27-40.
- (iii) Polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2, readable upon claims 21-40.
- (iv) Substrates, readable upon claims 21-40.
- (v) ELISA, readable upon claims 21-40.

Early examination of this application on the merits is earnestly solicited. In the event that a telephone conversation could expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (650) 839-5044.

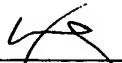
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